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MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION AND ENSURE THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF ALL MIGRANT WORKERS

Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia*, Cuba, Czech Republic*, Ecuador, El Salvador*, Ghana*, Guatemala*, Malawi, Madagascar*, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco*, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines*, Portugal*, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda*, Sri Lanka, Turkey*, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia*: draft resolution

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

The Commission on Human Rights,

Reaffirming once more the permanent validity of the principles and standards embodied in the principal instruments regarding the international protection of human rights, in particular the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child,

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* In accordance with Rule 69, paragraph 3, of the Rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Bearing in mind the principles and standards established within the framework of the International Labour Organisation and the importance of the task carried out in connection with migrant workers and their families in other specialized agencies and in various United Nations bodies,

Reiterating that, in spite of the existence of an already established body of principles and standards, there is a need to make further efforts to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers and their families,

Concerned at the situation of migrant workers and members of their families and at the marked increase in migratory movements that has occurred, especially in certain parts of the world,

Considering that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, urges all States to guarantee the protection of the human rights of all migrant workers and their families,

Underlining the importance of the creation of conditions to foster greater harmony and tolerance between migrant workers and the rest of the society of the State in which they reside,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/158 of 18 December 1990, by which the Assembly adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of the Their Families, contained in the annex to the resolution,

Recalling its resolution 1991/60 of 6 March 1991, in which it encouraged the Secretary-General to assume an active role in disseminating information on, and promoting, the Convention through the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights and the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights and in cooperation with interested United Nations bodies,

Bearing in mind that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action invite all States to consider the possibility of signing and ratifying the Convention at the earliest possible time,

Recalling that, in its resolution 1993/89 of 10 March 1993, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fiftieth session a report on the status of the Convention,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (E/CN.4/1994/62);

2. Welcomes the fact that some Member States have signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention;

3. Calls upon all Member States to sign and ratify or accede to the Convention as a matter of priority, and expresses the hope that it will enter into force at an early date;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide all facilities and assistance necessary for the active promotion of the Convention, through the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights and the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights;

5. Invites organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to intensify their efforts with a view to disseminating information on and promoting understanding of the Convention;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its fifty-first session a report on the status of the Convention and on the efforts made by the Secretariat to promote the Convention and the protection of the rights of migrant workers;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Commission the item entitled "Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers".

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